



December 11, 2015

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization, WC Docket No. 11-42;
Telecommunications Carriers Eligible for Universal Service Support, WC
Docket No. 09-197; and Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 9, 2015, the undersigned, along with NATOA President Jodie Miller, NATOA Immediate Past President Tony Perez, and NATOA board member Catharine Rice met with Gigi Sohn, Counselor to FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Lauren Wilson and Elizabeth Mumaw of the Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau, Trent Harkrader, Jay Schwarz, Charles Eberle, and Jodie Griffin of the Wireline Competition Bureau, Eric Feigenbaum of the Office of Media Relations, and Chad Breckinridge of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss the above-referenced proceeding.

During the meeting, we referenced our earlier comments filed in these proceedings and underscored our support for the Commission's proposal to include broadband service in the Lifeline program. We also expressed our support for the Commission's proposal to transfer subscriber eligibility determinations from carriers to a "third party" and to explore ways to leverage efficiencies from other federal and state agencies in determining Lifeline eligibility. We also urged streamlining the eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") process in an effort to increase participation in the program and to explore how the program could be leveraged with other low-cost broadband initiatives, such as Internet Essentials, to bring broadband services to more Americans.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stephen Traylor
Executive Director/General Counsel

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